The care and exactness with which gether, they peeped through them and these dikes are made would be laughable if it were not so successful. In a the weathercock of the neighboring land where hand labor is very cheap steeple brought within a short distance days are devoted to doing what in America would be roughly east by machinery in a couple of hours. But the result is so admirable that one remembers regretfully the ugly pile dikes, the horrid fringes of the im-proved "off channel" banks of the Mis-

Where the dikes have accomplished their purpose and generally on the banks opposite to them the river is revetted above middle water. This, too, is done with the hand squared stones, and as a result the Elbe where completely finished resembles a broad canal between stone lined banks, the stone rising a few feet above the water, and above it the green slope of the fields or a fringe of willows. It is all peaceful, complete and generally beautiful, with at least the beauty of util- finery and the necessity of being pracity where it lacks that of ruggedness theally useful his garb has become more and wildness .- Boston Transcript.

GILA MONSTER'S BITE.

The Reptile Turns Over to Get Venom but woman presently began to make Into Its Victim.

It was his turning over habit that led me to the discovery as to the bite solid and plain and useful, warranted of the Gila monster. This creature, to stand wear and tear. As for the ormore like a short, stocky snake with namental role, she was going to reprelegs on than anything else, has no poi- sent the family herself in that line. son fangs, like the rattlesnake, yet his bite may be just as dangerous. His has been stripped of gauds and wheepoison teeth are in his lower jaw, and dled out of his flipperies one by one, the poison comes from a gland under one cannot help feeling a tender pity the tongue. If he bites without turn- for this victim of feminine self aggraning over the wound is not serious, but dizement. Poor, timid trembler! A if he turns over there is great danger. vague, general fear of the female sex

Dr. Snow of the University of Kan- haunts him. Afraid of being married sas wrote me some time ago of an ex- against his will, he is circumvented by perience he had with the bite of a some subtle female creature who makes Gila monster.

The reptile was caught and put in a her. An observer remarks that a man bucket, the top of which was covered very often in running away from the with paper. The bucket was then put right woman runs straight into the in the wagon in which the doctor was driving. As the road was somewhat rough, the bucket was bounced up and down, and in order to steady it Dr. Snow put his hand behind him and k hold of the bucket, thrusting his ers through the newspaper cover its top so that he could hold it se-Suddenly he felt the monsto on his fingers. Startled and some-

aws of the reptile open and released himself. The wounds were such as any ordinary bite would have made. and he suffered no more inconvenience than might have been expected. Arizona and Sonora as to deaths that have occurred from Glia monsters'

have occurred from Glla monsters' bites, but it is hard to get at the facts. Careful experiments made with mals show that when the reptile bites and turns over, so that the poison flows down the tooth grooves into the wound, the bitten creatures die in a short time.-Suburban Life.

A Dead Bird.

Samuel Butler, the witty but eccen-tric author of "Erewhon," which means "Nowhere," and of many other remarkable and suggestive books, i now more read than during his lifetime. He died in 1902. In one of his notebooks he tells this incident, which must have amused the great Charles

"Frank Darwin told me his father was once standing near the hippopotamus cage when a little boy and girl, aged four and five, came up. 'The hippopotamus shut his eyes for a minute.
"'That bird's dead,' said the little girl. 'Come along.' "

Influence of Pluck. The blindest, the most purely instinct tive, effort of mere pluck has a liftling power and deserves our thankful admiration. Every degree and every form of courage tends to raise the whole tone of life within the range of its influence in proportion to the amo and the quality of the endurance of

His Phenomenal Luck "You say he is lucky "You bet." "In what does is his hobby."

"Marriage,

h he marries gets a di-"Every

rised.-Hibbert Journal.

ent Tessie-And de novel says coine had a willowy form, used the for her lover and would spruce when she seen him coming froo de New York Press. Shanty Sue-Gee, where did she

work-in a sawmill?-Exchange. Irascible Von Bulow.

During Hans von Bulow's leader ship of the orchestra at Hanover a tenor of fame was engaged to play a band at his funeral."-Wahre Jacob star role in "Lohengrin," and while the singer was rehearsing his part Bulow was forced to go over the same bars a number of times without the new actor beginning to sing. Tired of his wasted efforts, the leader stopped his wasted efforts, the leader stopped support themselves in idleness the rest the orchestra and angrily turned to of the year. They do this by catching

the singer. "I know that a tenor is proverbially which are hatched there in such numstupid," he said, "but you seem to make an extensive use of this unwriting grate extend for miles. They furnish

At another time, while one of his cating purposes and also as a substigrand intermezzos was being played tute for cod liver oil. with great feeling by his musicians, a peculiar noise, hardly perceptible by untrained ears, annoyed the leader for some little time. At first he thought In the right train? Town Relative esembled the flutter of wings, but (who has had about enough of it)—
the discovered an elegant lady Well, I have asked seventeen porters herself in one of the boxes and thirty-two passengers, and they

Bulow kept on with his ges- all say "Yes," so I think you'd better his eyes on the offender risk it.-London Telegraph. which meant reproof. The ng this, was suddenly leader dropping his If fan you must, with your in- |-Socrates.

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door. Placing two of the glasses to-

of their eyes. They were naturally

puzzled and called their father to see

the strange sight. When the spec-

tacle maker looked through the glasses

he was no less surprised than the

children had been. He went indoors

and thought the matter over, and then

scope was an accomplished fact.

THE SUBTLE FEMALE.

How She Wheedles and Bullies the

Poor Man Creature.

As woman gradually impressed upor

man the futility of strutting around in

and more sober and workaday in ap-

the decorations of primitive man were

intended to fascinate feminine eyes

him think that it is his will to marry

the altar. New Orleans Times-Demo-

ly surmised that the son of the house,

"Yes, sir, my son's in work now."

Not Infectious.

the lookout for trouble of this kind.

came rushing in from the street where

she had been playing with a crowd of

children. In a very excited manner

catch it, though."
"Well, what is it, darling?" I asked.
"Well, what is it, darling?" I asked.
"It's the pigeon toes," she replied.—

From that pike kill their prey before

five to ten minutes is the usual time .-

Information Wanted.

Mrs. Benham-Before we were mar-

ried you said that life would be one

grand, sweet song. Benham-Well,

what of it? Mrs. Benham-I'd like to

know where you do your singing .-

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neaux islands make enough money to

the very fat young "mutton birds,"

food and oll, which is used for lubri-

Country Cousin-Are you sure I am

If thou continuest to take delight in

idle argumentation thou mayest be

qualified to combat with the sophists,

but never know how to love with men.

and so many decorations!"

"Ah, Elsie, it is fine to be married

Management and Angling."

How Pike Kill Perch. careful observation I am sat-

said the smiling old mother. "Takes

a new leaf. He inquired about it.

a lazy ne'er do well, ha

THE RIVER NILE. Ancient Greeks and the Process of Sterilizing Water.

The ancient Greeks already recommended the use of sterilized water.

This hygienic prescription was intended both for healthy and sick peomust be dug successively from highest point to the lowest level of the These holes should be lined with clay such as is used for making pottery and the water should be made to percolate through it. The water will

leave all its impurities in these pits." Greeks, knowing the processes of ster- sentation of 2,000 miles of the Father were exceedingly astonished to see flization and filtration of water which of Waters. rivers, should have drunk without precautions the water of the Nile, which our microscopes allow us to declare "sound," but which is in appearance the most worthy of suspicion of all and is so muddy, so yellow, that it resembles wine.-Gazette des Eaux.

THE BASILISK.

the idea occurred to him that he might construct a curious new toy which How the Fabulous Monster Was Picwould give people a good deal of amusement. Not long after the tele-

fured by Ancient Writers. The basilisk was the most famous of the many fabulous monsters of mediaeval folklore. According to the popular notion, it was hatched by a painted a landscape on the lid that not load from an egg laid by the cock of the common barnyard fowl. In the ancient picture books it was usually The celebrated St. John's Wood ancient picture books it was usually represented as an eight limbed serpent or dragon, sometimes with and sometimes without wings. Its name is derived from basiliscos, meaning a little king, and was applied because pearance. Ethnologists tell us that the creature was figured with a circle of white spots on its head which much resembled a crown. The cockatrice, a species of basilisk, besides having a crown, possessed a comb which was it clear that she was not hunting for "a fine, showy article," but something an exact counterpart of the cock's.

Pliny assures us that the basilisk had a voice which "struck terror to the hearts of men, beasts and serpents." The Bible classes it with the lion, the serpent and the dragon as In fact, when one reflects how man one of the most formidable creatures. Old writers-Pliny, Bascho and others -say that its bite was mortal in every case, that its breath was suffocating and that no plant would grow in the vicinity of its lair. Its dead body was often suspended in belfries to pre-vent swallows from building there.

Disease Scents.

"Every disease almost has its pecu far odor," said a doctor. helps us greatly in diagnosis.

arms of the wrong woman. And the "Gout imparts to the skin a smell wrong woman, that great opportunist, is always waiting there to block his a sweet, honey-like smell. Jaundice ocheadlong flight and switch it toward has a very strong and hideous smell.

statement with a story of humorous of a dirty gun band.

A certain cottage and its old mistress scenting our disease and appearance that a visitor shrewd-

good money, he does, too. All he has The rest of the time he has to himtim's hands were shattered and the hospital and to usurp the place which left eye destroyed. "The crafty bank- belongs by right to a pauper." Of I used to be very much afraid that my children while playing with others er had filled the Watch case with dywould be exposed to some contagious namite, which exploded in the operadisease, and they were constantly on tion of winding.-London Telegraph. One day little Louise, aged four,

A Difficult Task. One of the greatest puzzles, said a member of parliament, is how to conshe burst out, "Well, mother, two of cede the most worthy and honorable the Meyers children have something, but sister says she don't think we'll intentions to an opponent, how to profess an unswerving and unfading be- It is believed that this phenomenon is lief in his uncompromising veracity and bona fides and at the same time level of the sea. Observations on the to convey a distinct conviction that he is an impostor and a humbug of the first water and an accomplished Ana- thus produced sometimes amounts to nias carrying a welter of thirteen stone | no less than three feet.-Youth's Comseven pounds in the mendacity handicap.-London Opinion.

The Other Way.

is fed wallowing them, and they do this by holding whatever fish they have secured crossways in their powerful "I heard that Ranter broke down in jaws for some time before bolting it. the middle of his speech the other I once watched a pike hold a perch in night," said the man who was kept at this way for twenty minutes, and then home by illness. he moved off out of sight, but from

"Not exactly," replied the man who was there. "The meeting broke up right in the middle of his speech!" W. H. Armistead in "Trout Waters,

> Needed a Starter. One night little Margaret, on kneeling by her mamma to say her prayers. finished, "Now I lay me," and forgot. "Mamma," she said, "you just start me, and then I can go a-whizzing."-

Qualified. Caller-Is the lady of the house in? Waltress (who has been given notice)-She's in, but she's no lady!-Life.

The world is upheld by the veracity of good men.-Emerson

Honeyed Words.

"How are you getting along at home? The last time I called your wife was giving you the dickens." "Quite true. I had been a bad boy. But she relaxed. Last night she came very near calling me honey.' "You don't mean it! How was that?" "She called me old beeswax."-New

York Press. "Of course, Tommy," said the Sun-day school teacher, "you'd like to be an angel, wouldn't you?" "Well-er-yes'm," replied Tommy,

"but I'd like to wait till I can be a full grown angel with gray whiskers." -Philadelphia Press.

"You should never take anything that doesn't agree with you," the physician told him. "If I'd always followed that rule,

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Commissioner of Accounts.

face the artist painted in perfect detail a mill, a miller with a sack of grain on his back, a horse and cart and a group of several peasants standing

The largest picture ever painted is said to be a panorama of the Mississlppl river, executed by John Banvard, an artist who died in Watertown, S. D., in 1891. The gigantic canvas was twenty-two feet high and nearly two mlles long. It gave a detailed repre-

The largest of the old masters' canvases is Murillo's "Appearance of the Christ Child to St. Anthony of Pawhich time and place you are required to attend and prove your claims.
Given under my hand the day and
year first above written. dua." The picture is ten feet wide and eighteen feet high.

It is related that a friend called on Salvator Rosa in Florence one day and found him playing on an old harpsichord. The caller asked the artist why he kept such a worthless instru-

"Why, it is not worth a scudo!" the friend said.

"I will wager," replied Rosa, "that it shall be worth a thousand before you see it again." A bet was made. Rosa immediately

only sold for 1,000 scudi, but was ac clique of artists in London executed a series of large frescoes in oil on the walls of the studio of J. E. Hodgson, one of the members. The paintings were begun in the winter of 1864-5.

and the figures were a little under life When Hodgson moved from his stu dio an unappreciative tenant covered the walls of the room with brown wall paper, completely hiding the paintings. The frescoes were rediscovered by accident ferty years afterward and restored .- Kansas City Star.

Shakespearean subjects were chosen

A CHARITY PATIENT.

The Price He Had to Pay For Expert Surgical Treatment. The famous surgeon Velpeau was visited one day at his house during

the consultation nour by a marquerenowned for his closeness. Velpeau aformed the marquis that an opera tion was urgent and that the fee would amount to 4,000 francs. At this th marquis made a wry face and left. A fortnight later Dr. Velpeau, while makprecisely like whey. Diabetes causes ing his rounds in the Hopital de la Charite, had his attention attracted casions a smell of musk. Smallpox by a face that seemed familiar to him In answer to his inquiry it was stated It is like burning bones. Measles has that the patient was a footman of a Indifference displayed in the face of the uncertainties and dangers of life is characteristic of the Wessex dwellers in the "Islands of the Vale," according to Eleanor G. Hayden, the author of the book of the title, who supports her statement with a story of humorous of a dirty gun band. nobleman in the Faubourg St. Ger-"So, you see, to soak of a doctor of centing our disease a not to use a claimed: "Monsiour, I am extremely flattered and pleased to have been able A Surprise For the Toief.

Herr Hager, a rich and squential banker, frequently had watche from his pocket. At first he course to all kinds of safety course to all kinds of safety course to my then one morning he took no precase then one morning he took no precase the public charity bureau of your metation whatever and quietly allowed himself to be robbed. At plant on to cure you. There is, however, to do is to go twice a day to the circus tion whatever and quietly allowed and put his head in the lion's mouth. himself to be robbed. At night, on like about it," continued the doctor, returning from his business, he took but if you refuse all Paris will know up the evening paper; be uttered an exclamation of delight. A watch had adopted the disguise of a footman in exploded in a man's hands. The vic- order to secure free treatment at this

> course the marquis paid,-Argonaut. The Storm Nose at Sea. The picturesque name of storm nose (Gewitternase) is given in Germany to the wave of high barometric pressure which often precedes a storm or i heavy squall. The barometer rises suddenly and then falls more gradually. responsible for sudden changes in the seas surrounding Denmark have led to the conclusion that the change of level

panion. The Devil's Knell.

Among the famous bells of Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England, is one known as "Black Tom of Soothill," which was presented to the church in explation of a murder. "Black Tom' is always rung on Christmas eve. Its solemn tolling as it strikes the first tap at exactly midnight is known all over Yorkshire as the "devil's knell," it being the notion that when Christ was born the devil died. - London Standard.

Shut Him Up.

Baldheaded Gentleman (having his boots polished in a hotel)-Confound it you take an abominably long time about it. Shoeblack-Yes, sir. It ain't done so quick as when you 'as your 'air cut!-London Tit-Bits.

Do you wish to find out the really sublime? Repeat the Lord's Prayer.-

Heartless Gamblers,

The rage for gambling at Whie's and Almack's clubs in London in other days led to most outrageous betting as to which Walpole tells what he calls a good tale: A man dropped down in a fit before the door and was car-ried inside. The club instantly made bets as to whether he would die or not, and when a doctor was called in to attend him his ministrations were interfered with by the members be cause, they said, these would affect the fairness of the bets.

Pitiful Sales.

Kits of sailors lost at sea are sold regularly at auction at the Albert docks in London. The sale provides many a pitiful sight. Most of the lots are contained in the regular sailor's sea chest, all marked with the name of the ship from which they come. It is not unusual for those who have lost friends or relatives at sea to attend these auctions, and there are times Maria," he remarked to his wife, when the first news of such a loss "where would you be?"-London Ex-press. comes through the recognition of fa-millar objects. miliar objects.

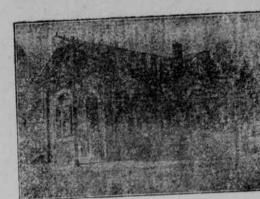
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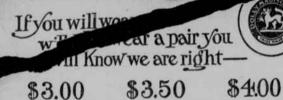
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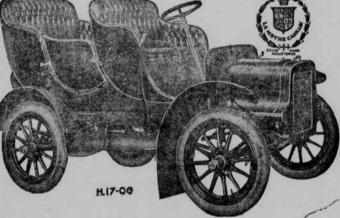
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